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BOOK REVIEWS

Index-Tabellen zum antropometrischen Gebrauche. Von Prof. Dr CARL M. FÜRST. Jena : Gustav Fischer. 1902. Sm. 4°, 35 pp.

Dr Fürst has published in a neatly bound quarto a series of twenty-nine index tables for use in somatology. The need of such tables was called to his attention by his investigations in Swedish anthropology in collaboration with Gustav Retzius. This need has been felt by many other somatologists, and led the present reviewer to prepare an almost identical set of tables two years ago, but he was not so fortunate as Dr Fürst in having a Retzius to defray the expense of publication. The tables are so arranged that one appears on each page; the larger ones are therefore limited to 55 dividends and 15 divisors, but in reality the tables are in series so that the divisors in the first seven tables run from 1 to 105 continuously. The quotients are reckoned to the second decimal place. The tables are comprehensive and apparently accurate. They were much needed, and we gladly acknowledge our indebtedness to the accomplished savants who have presented them to working somatologists.

FRANK RUSSELL.

Schädel und Skeletteile aus Peking. Von Dr K. A. HABERER. Jena : Gustav Fischer. 1902. 8°, 165 pp., ills.

In this memoir is described a collection of thirty-seven skulls and a few other bones which the author personally collected at Peking. There are nine female and twenty-eight male crania, there being no difficulty in distinguishing the sex. The skulls are described singly and quite fully. At the end of each description a summary is made, as, for example, in the case of skull number 12: "Male, about 30, eury-, meso-, hypsicephalic, leptoprosopic, hypsiconchus, leptorrhinian, leptostaphylin, prognathous, with extreme alveolar prognathism." Excessive alveolar prognathism, by the way, is frequently noted. Following the detailed descriptions are generalizations concerning capacity, the temporal, parietal, and other portions. The section devoted to the skeleton is especially interesting because of the information furnished concerning the practice of deforming the feet. Not only the original material presented will be found of value, but the tables also furnish a very useful summary of measurements and averages obtained by pre-

vious investigators of Mongolian skulls. The illustrations are numerous and of a degree of excellence that we have seldom seen equaled.

FRANK RUSSELL.

Notes of a Trip to the Veddahs of Ceylon. By Dr H. M. HILLER and Dr W. H. FURNESS, 3RD. [Separately issued from the Bulletin of the Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Pennsylvania. Vol. 3, No. 2, April, 1901.]

Drs Hiller and Furness present an interesting account of the Veddahs of Ceylon, whom they visited recently. Little is known of this aboriginal people, who are rapidly approaching extinction. Rather empirically nowadays, they are divided into Coast, Village, and Rock Veddahs, from their geographic location, but this evidently marks no tribal distinctions. Though their visit was brief the authors have made skilful use of their eyes and camera, and the result is a decided contribution to our knowledge of this interesting people.

WALTER HOUGH.